

## **HILTI PLANT IN THÜRINGEN AWARDED FOR EFFICIENT SERIES PRODUCTION**

**Thüringen, Austria; November 3, 2017 – Hilti’s manufacturing plant in Thüringen, Vorarlberg (AT), has been named the winner of the Factory of the Year competition in the category of Outstanding Large-scale Production. Among other factors, the competition jury cited the plant’s strong sense of customer orientation and short delivery times.**

In a benchmark comparison in the German-speaking area, carried out by the A.T. Kearney consulting company and the trade newspaper “Produktion”, Hilti’s Thüringen plant rated highly in several areas. The factors of short turnaround times from order to delivery, optimal manufacturing processes, high level of employee productivity and production volume flexibility were all positively rated. The instructional concept for vocational trainees, which emphasizes entrepreneurial thought and action, was also favorably evaluated.

“The fact that we can react to orders from our market organizations flexibly and with short lead time is due to the tremendous job done by our manufacturing team in Thüringen,” said Plant Manager Thomas Breuer. “Our employees make a substantial contribution to the success of our products with their ability to meet high-quality demands and their commitment to continuously improve production processes. We are very pleased that these efforts have been recognized by an external jury.”

Hilti’s Thüringen plant employs more than 450 people and 70 apprentices. The plant specializes in machining technologies and the final assembly of electric tools, diamond drilling and sawing systems, and direct fastening tools. The plant is also included in the development process of new products on the basis of its technical manufacturing know-how and production of various prototypes.

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